

REMARKS

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Prater et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,829,199). Claim 26 is canceled hereby without prejudice or disclaimer.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 27 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicant has amended claim 27 as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant thus respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection, and allowance of claim 27.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 2-17, 19-25 and 28-39 were indicated to be allowed.

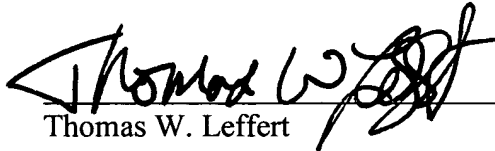
CONCLUSION

Claim 26 is canceled hereby. Claims 27 is amended herein. Claims 2-17, 19-25 and 27-39 are now pending.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2204.

Respectfully submitted,

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